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Welcome to the planet Mobius - a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Sonic has come to the Dragon Kingdom to break the Iron Dominion's control of the region! He's answered a summons by the Yagyu, but instead has found --

AN AMBUSH!

MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S BEST FRIEND

BAT NINJA
OF THE
YAGYU CLAN

SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS

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HISSESSSS!

I'M STILL LEARNING THE LOCAL LINGO!!!

Whop

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"BUT I THINK THAT MEANS 'BEAT THE SNOT OUT OF ME!'"

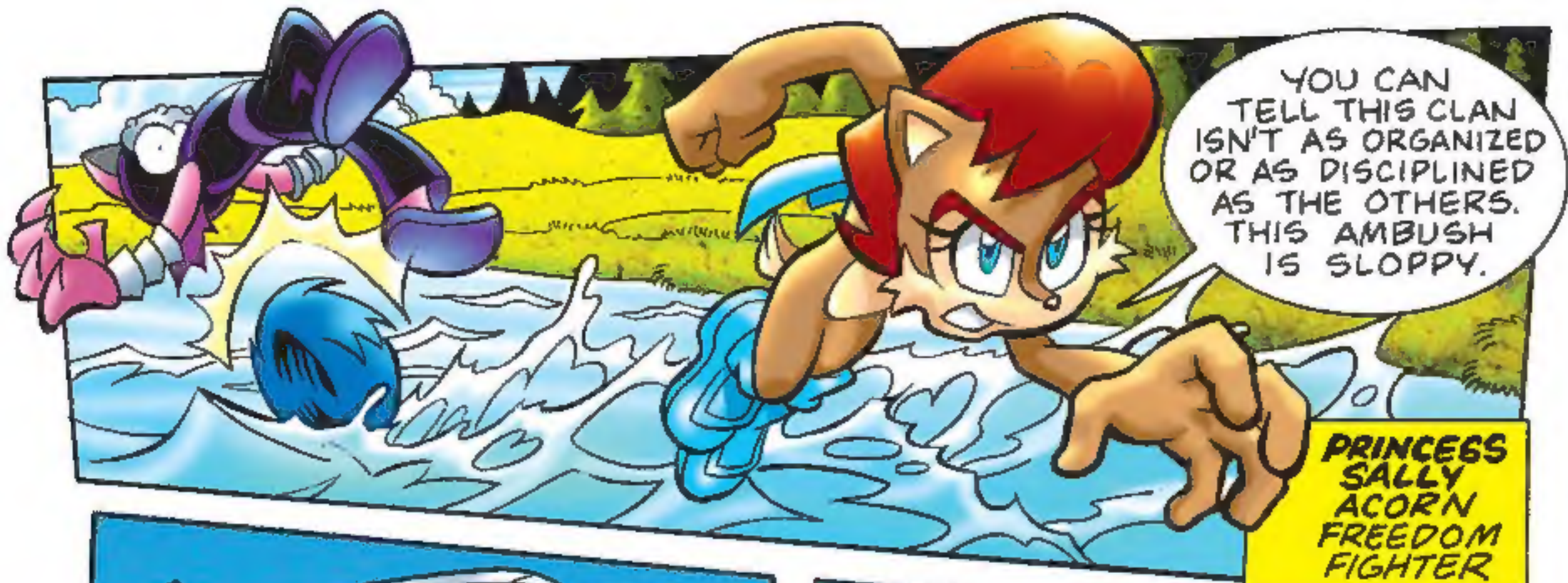
STINKING YAGYU SCUM! I KNEW WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TRUSTED THEIR SUMMONS!*

*SEE LAST ISSUE!

YEAH!

WE'LL SHOW THEM WHAT HAPPENS TO BACK-STABBING THIEVES AROUND HERE!

CLONK!



YOU CAN TELL THIS CLAN ISN'T AS ORGANIZED OR AS DISCIPLINED AS THE OTHERS. THIS AMBUSH IS SLOPPY.

PRINCESS SALLY ACORN FREEDOM FIGHTER



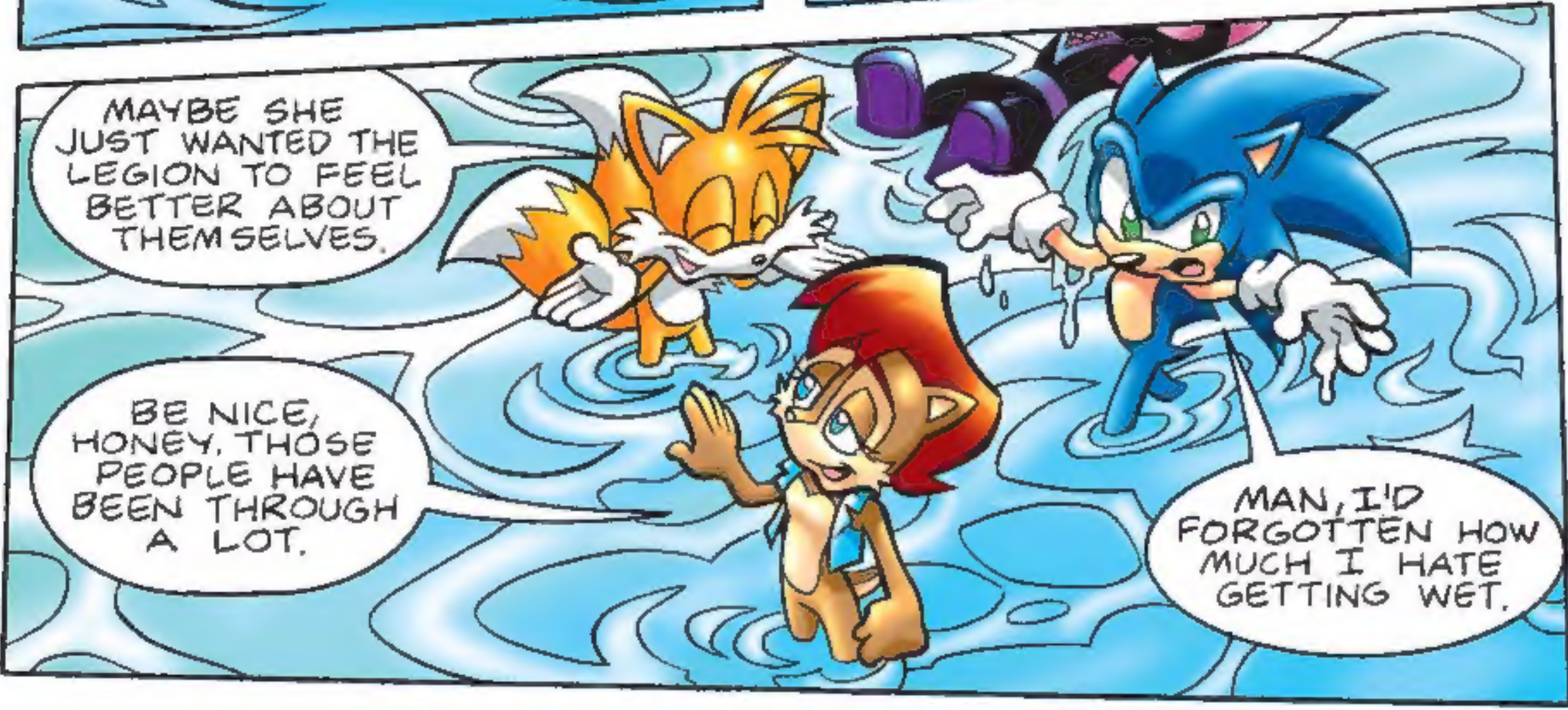
THE GOSSAMER CLAN GOT THE SAME KIND OF DROP ON US, AND WE WERE CAUGHT IN SECONDS.



IF THEY'RE SUCH PUSH-OVERS, WHY DID THE IRON QUEEN BRING THEM OVER TO HELP THE DARK EGG LEGION?*

I DON'T KNOW, TAILS. MAYBE THEY WERE EASIER TO UPROOT WITHOUT UPSETTING THE WHOLE CLAN?

***SEE STH#20!!**



MAYBE SHE JUST WANTED THE LEGION TO FEEL BETTER ABOUT THEMSELVES.

BE NICE, HONEY. THOSE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN THROUGH A LOT.

MAN, I'D FORGOTTEN HOW MUCH I HATE GETTING WET.



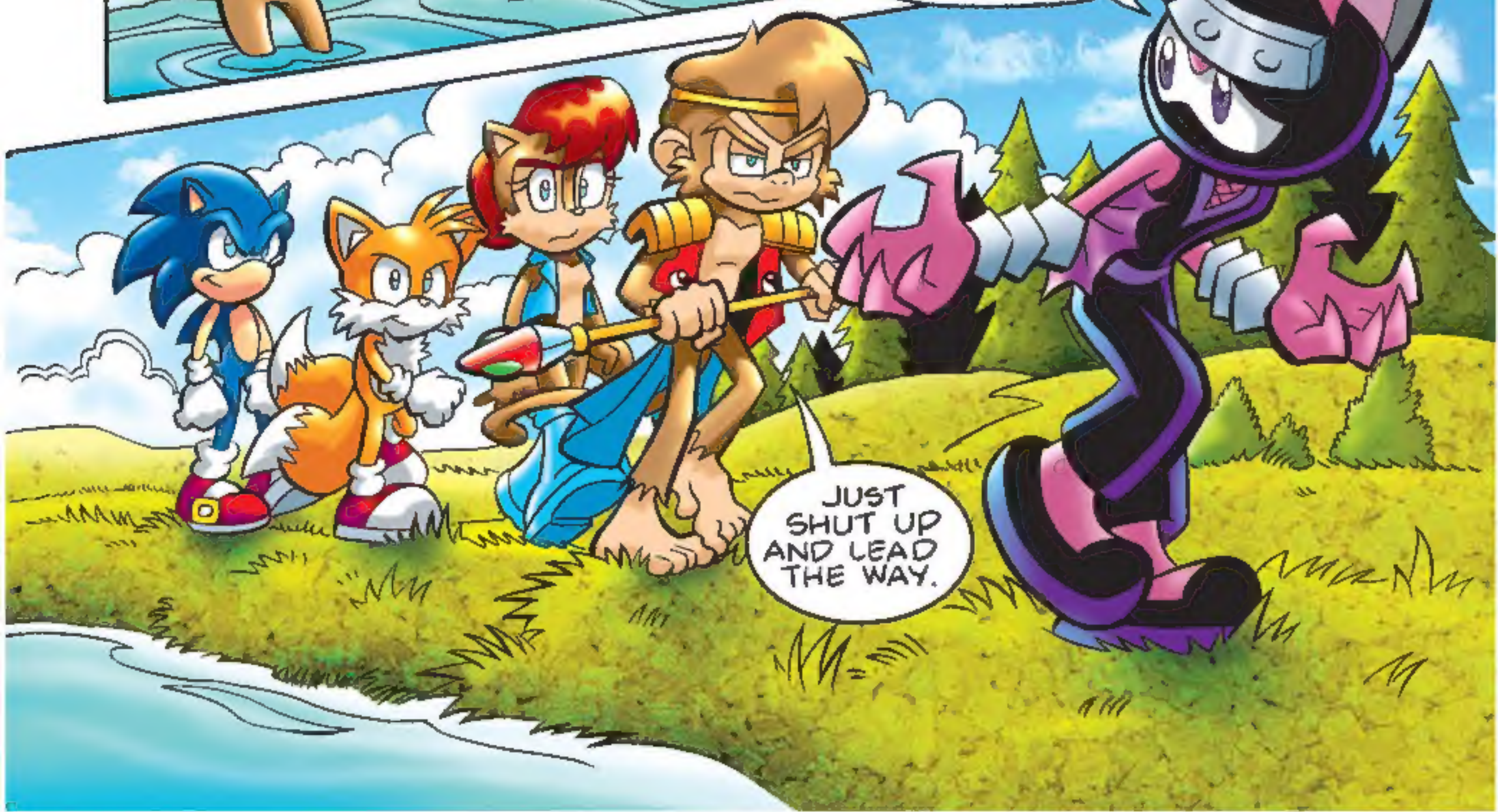
NOW--ARE YOU GOING TO FULFILL THE INVITATION TO MEET WITH YOUR LORD, OR DO I PUT YOU BACK WITH THE REST OF THE POND SCUM?

HISSSS... W--WAIT... YOU'RE THE ONES HE SENT FOR?

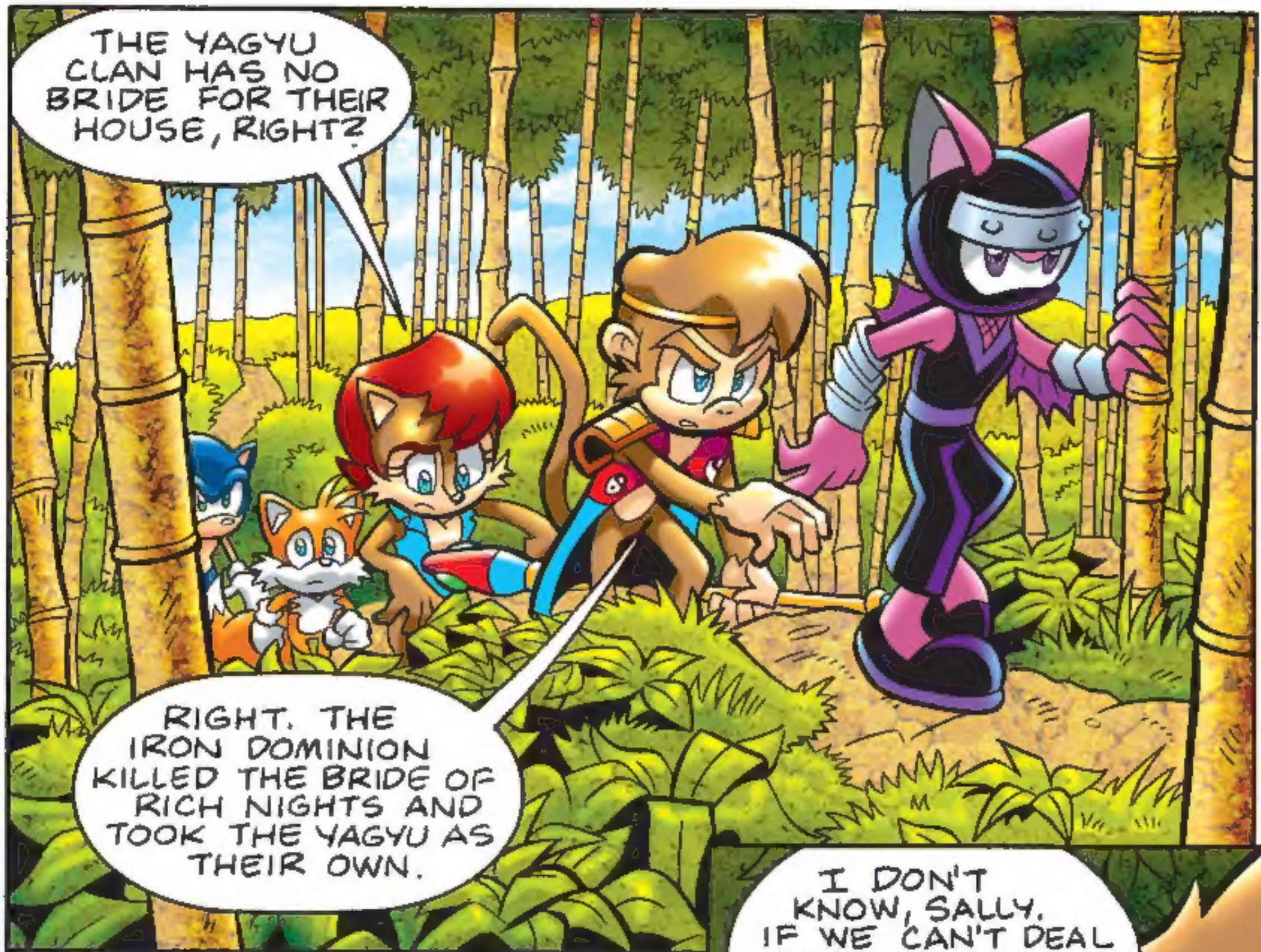
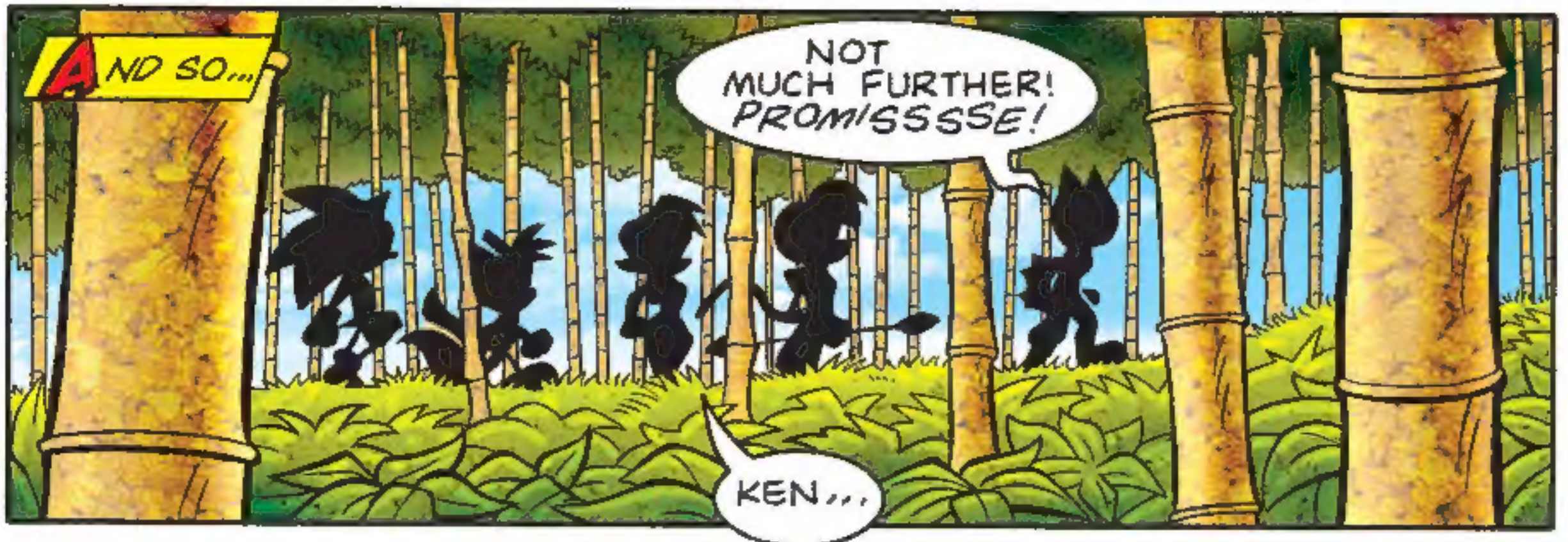


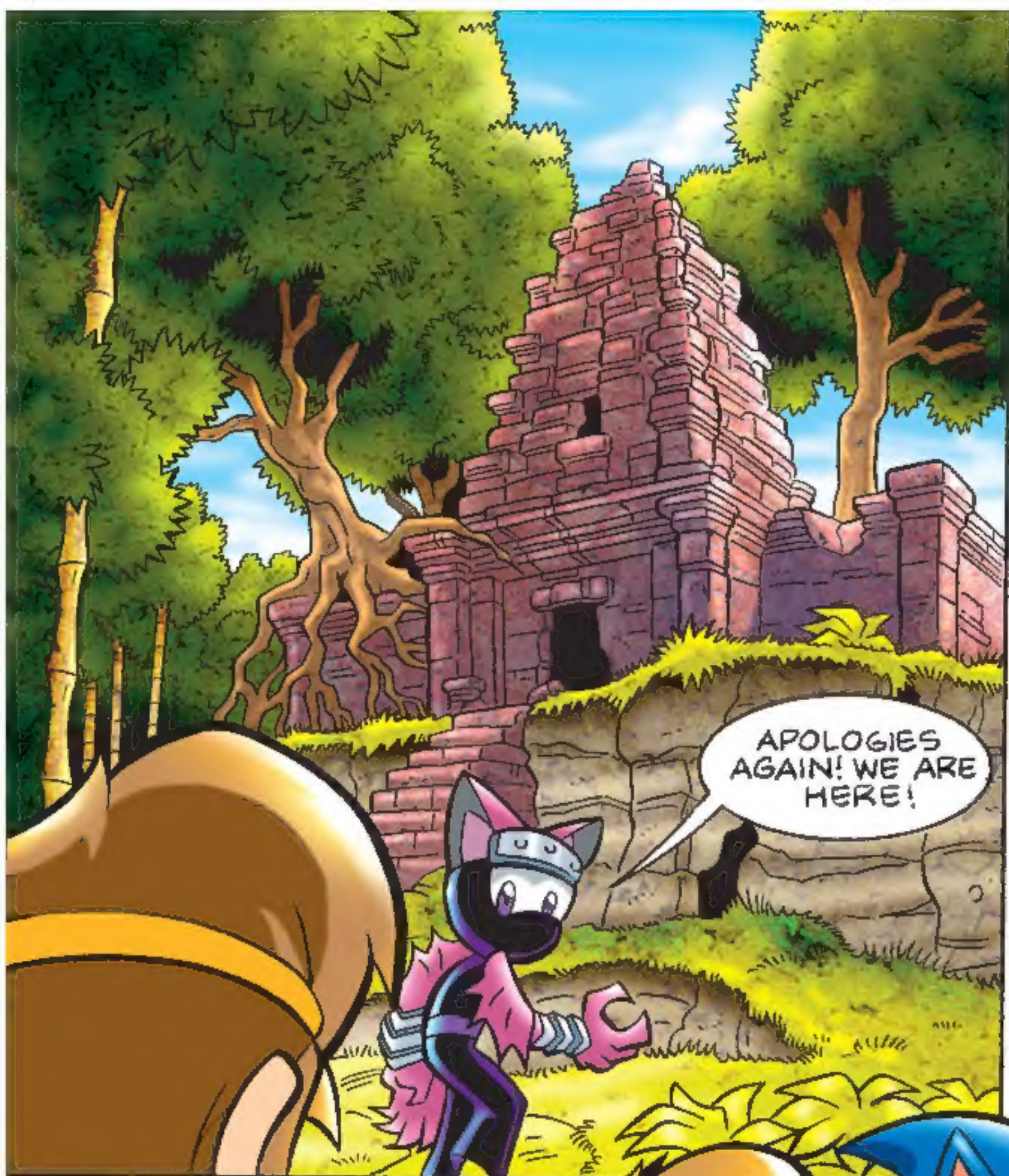
DO WE LOOK LIKE LOCALS?

HISSSS! PARDON! PARDON! WE THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST TRAVELERS! SIMPLE ROBBERY! HONEST! HONEST!



JUST SHUT UP AND LEAD THE WAY.





APOLOGIES AGAIN! WE ARE HERE!



COZY.

I THINK THIS WAS A TEMPLE FROM THE OLD DAYS. WHAT THE LOCALS CALL THE "LOST DYNASTY," OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.



KEEP ON YOUR TOES, I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THEY TRIED ANOTHER AMBUSH.

THEY CAN TRY ALL THEY WANT. I'LL STILL RUN RINGS AROUND THEM.



THE NEXT TIME YOU INVITE GUESTS, I RECOMMEND INFORMING YOUR CRONIES THAT THEY'RE COMING.

OTHERWISE WE MIGHT GET THE WRONG IDEA.

Huhn.

YOU GET THE GOSSAMER CLAN TO ROLL OVER AND ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU'RE HIGH AND MIGHTY? PLEASE.

CURRENT YAGYU LORD REGIONAL BOSS

THE FACT YOU'VE RETURNED MEANS YOU DID NO BETTER AGAINST THE IRON QUEEN OVER THERE THAN YOU DID OVER HERE.

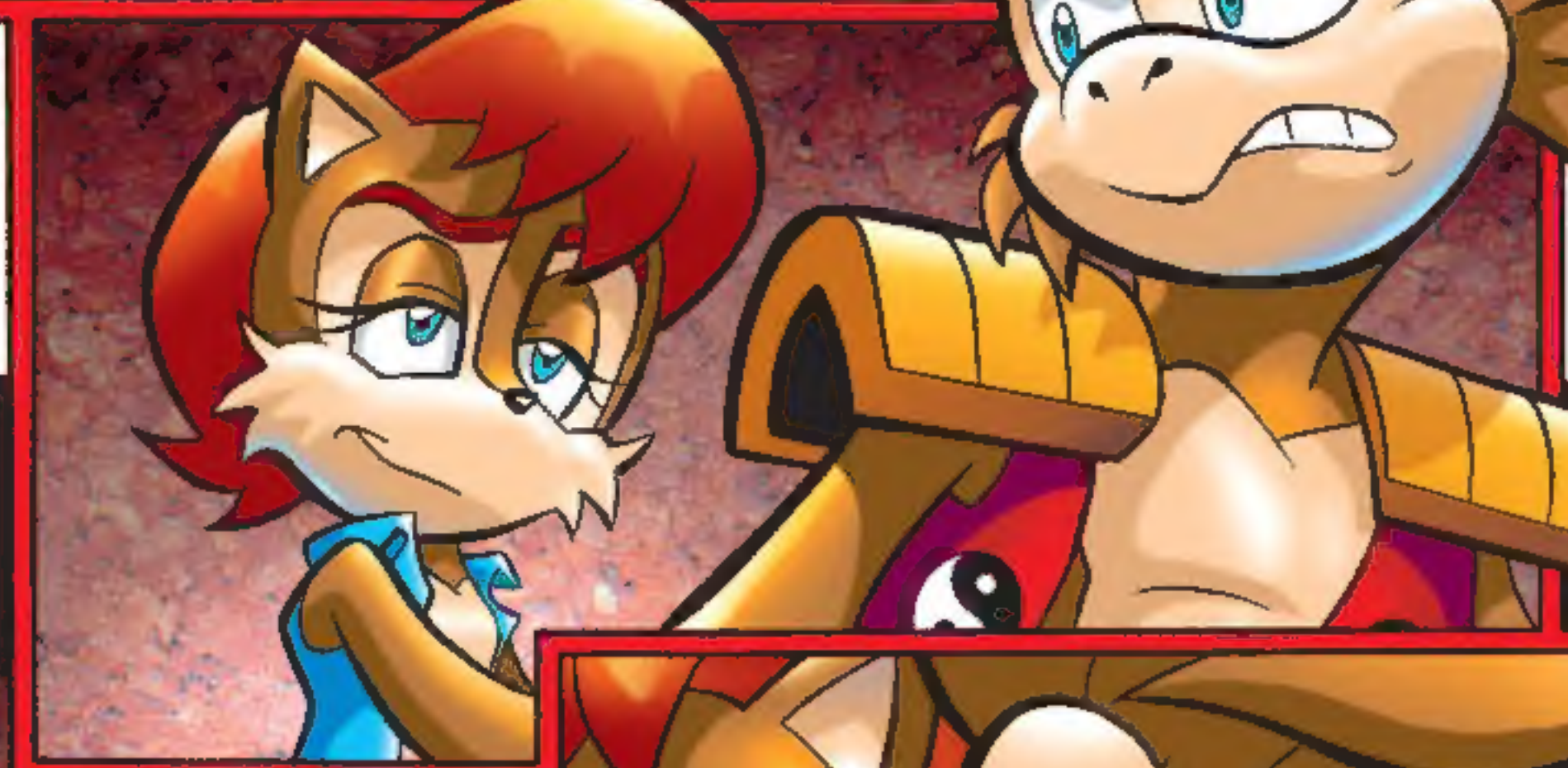
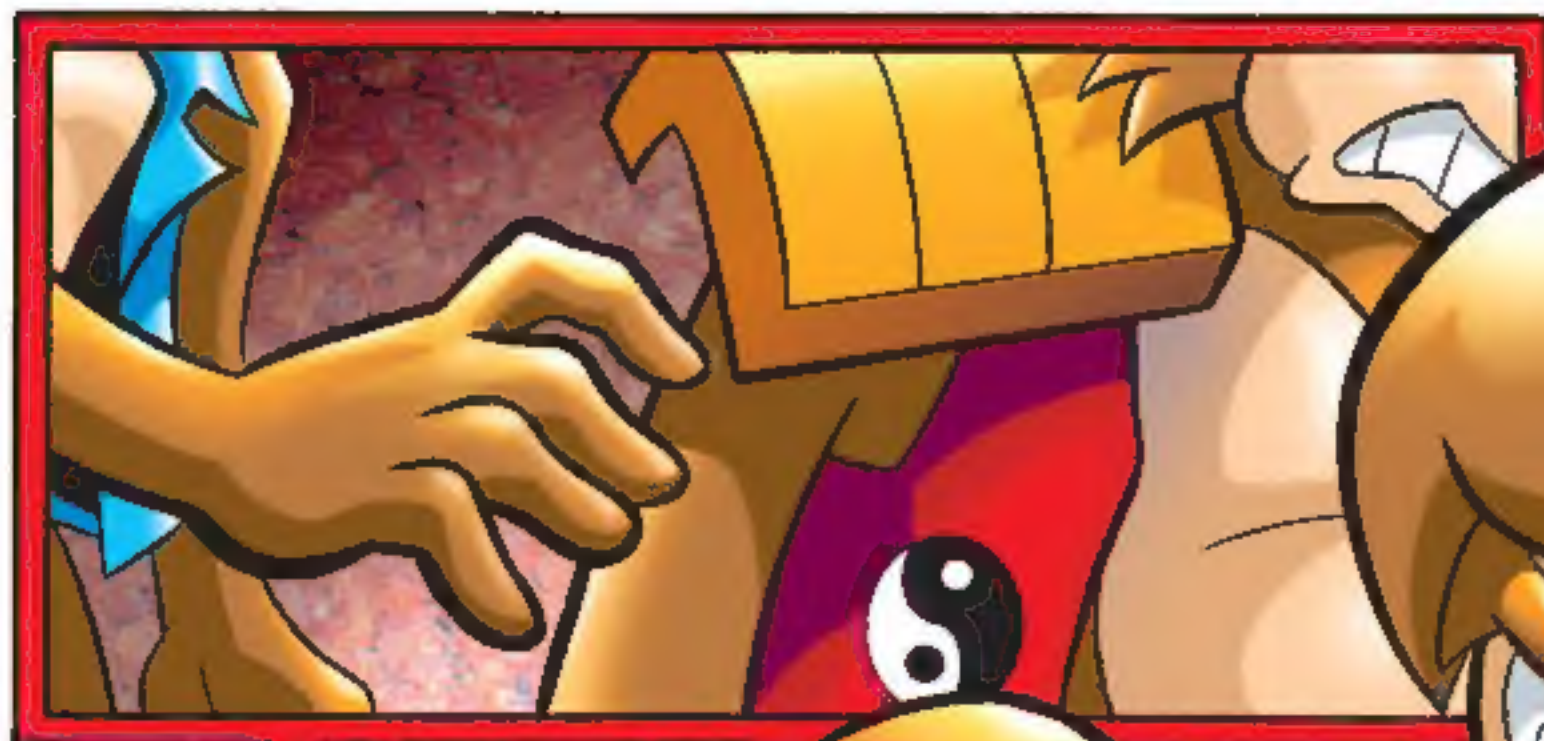
AT LEAST YOU'RE CONSISTENT, I GUESS.

AND WHAT'S WITH ALL THE TOURISTS? ARE YOU TRYING TO IMPRESS US WITH A GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TRICKED INTO DESTROYING?

HAHAHAHAHA

REAL CLASSY, CHIEF.

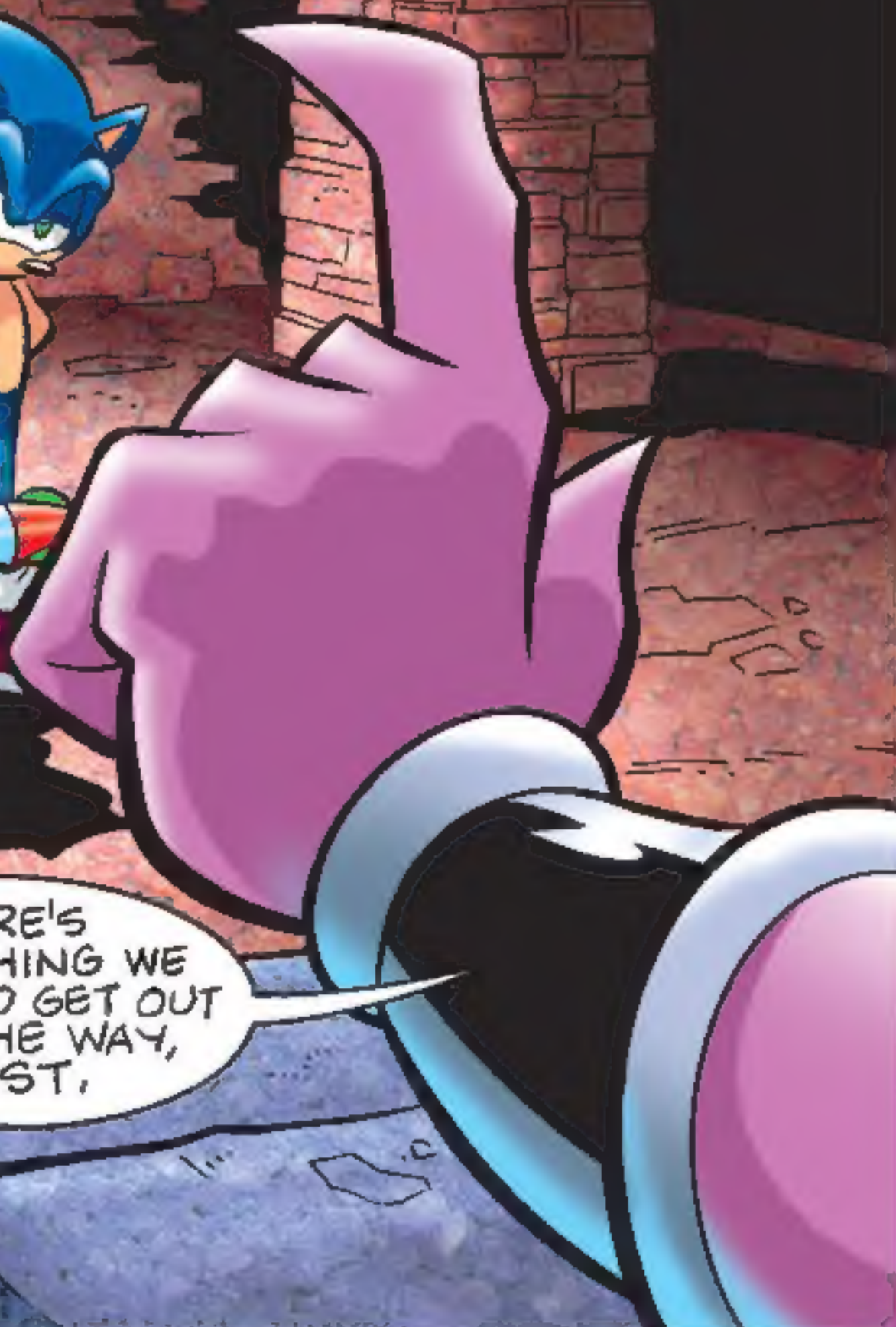


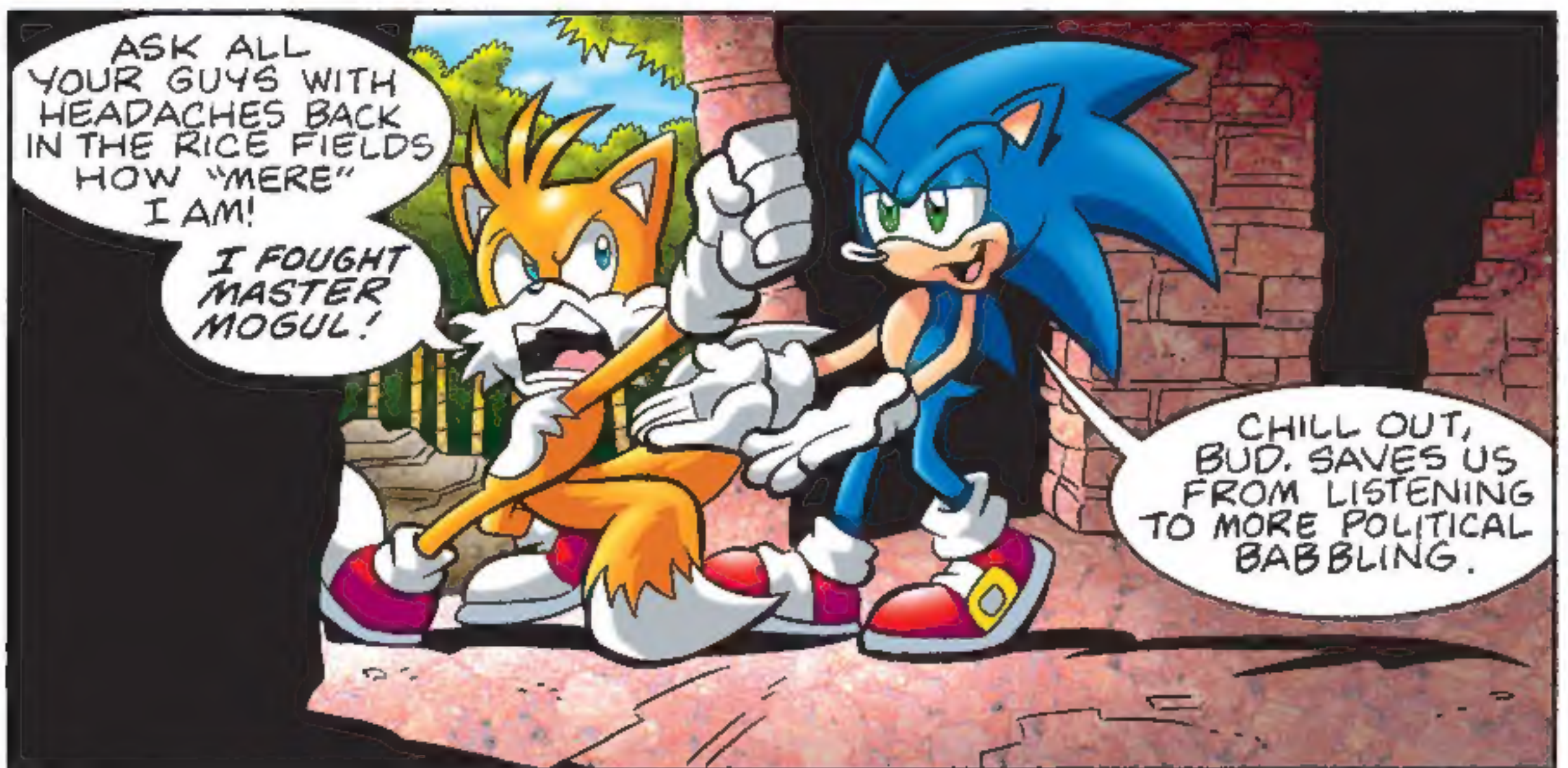
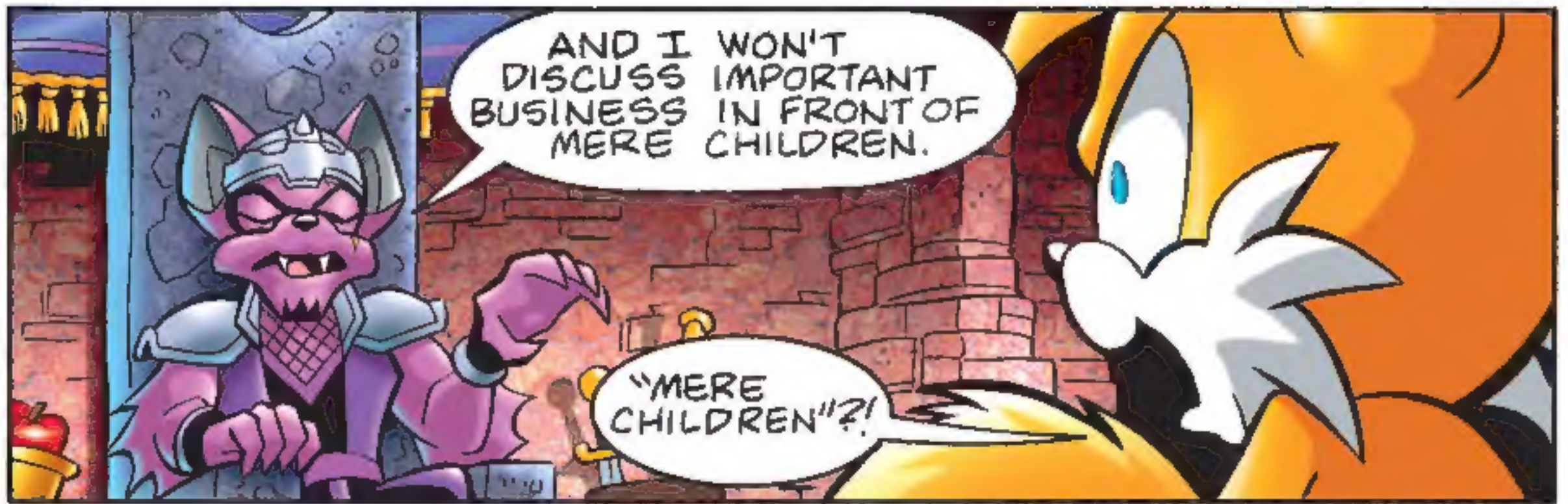


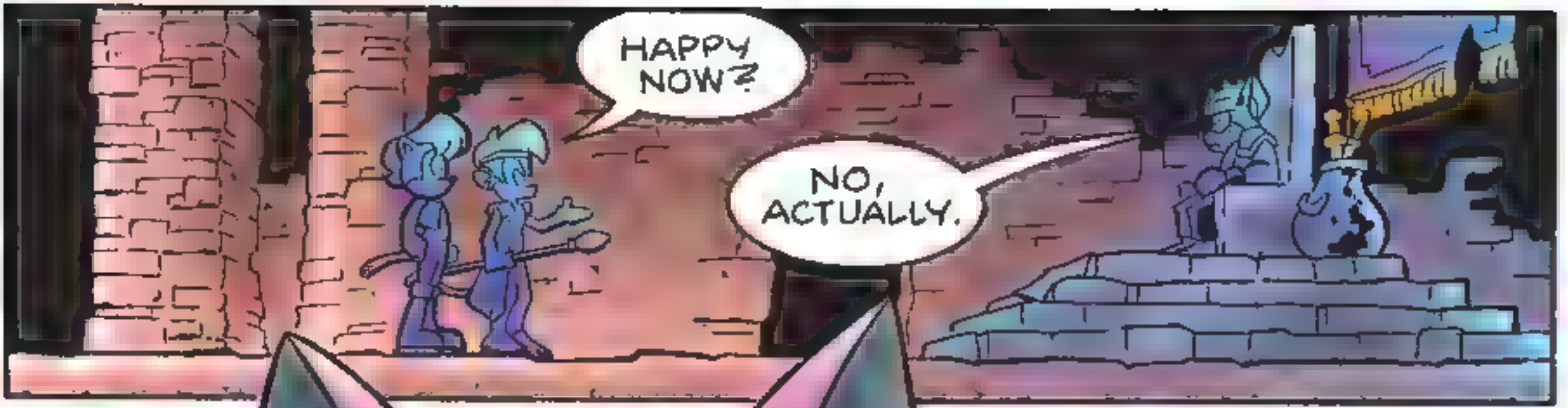
ALL THAT ASIDE... I'M HERE TO BROKER PEACE BETWEEN YOUR CLAN AND THE FREE PEOPLE OF THE DRAGON KINGDOM...



HOLD IT. THERE'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO GET OUT OF THE WAY, FIRST,







HAPPY NOW?

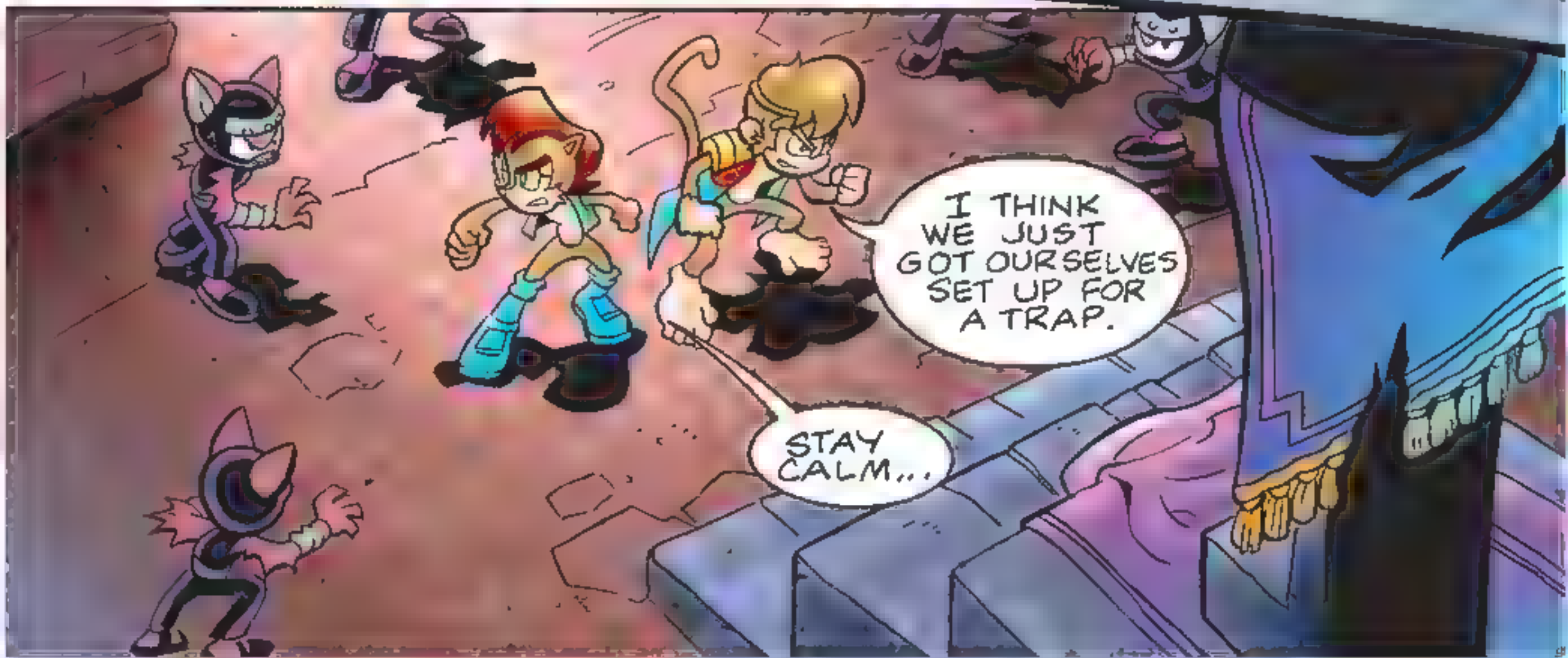
NO, ACTUALLY.



BACK IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS, THE DAYS BEFORE THE BRIDES, "YAGYU" MEANT SOMETHING DIFFERENT. WE WERE ASSASSINS, EXPERTS WITH THE BLADE. ONLY AFTER THE BRIDE CONSOLIDATED THE CLAN DID WE STOOP TO THIEVERY TO FEED THE TRADITIONAL TREASURE HORDE...



THOSE HEADY DAYS WITHOUT SOMEONE TELLING US ALL WHAT TO DO. I ENVY THE REGIONAL LORDS OF THOSE DAYS.



I THINK WE JUST GOT OURSELVES SET UP FOR A TRAP.

STAY CALM...

"...MAYBE WE CAN TALK OUR WAY OUT OF THIS YET."

"...AND I'VE FOUGHT SWATBOTS, AND EGG PAWNS, AND-AND-AND I BUILT THE TORNADO FROM SCRATCH!"

MORE THAN ONCE!

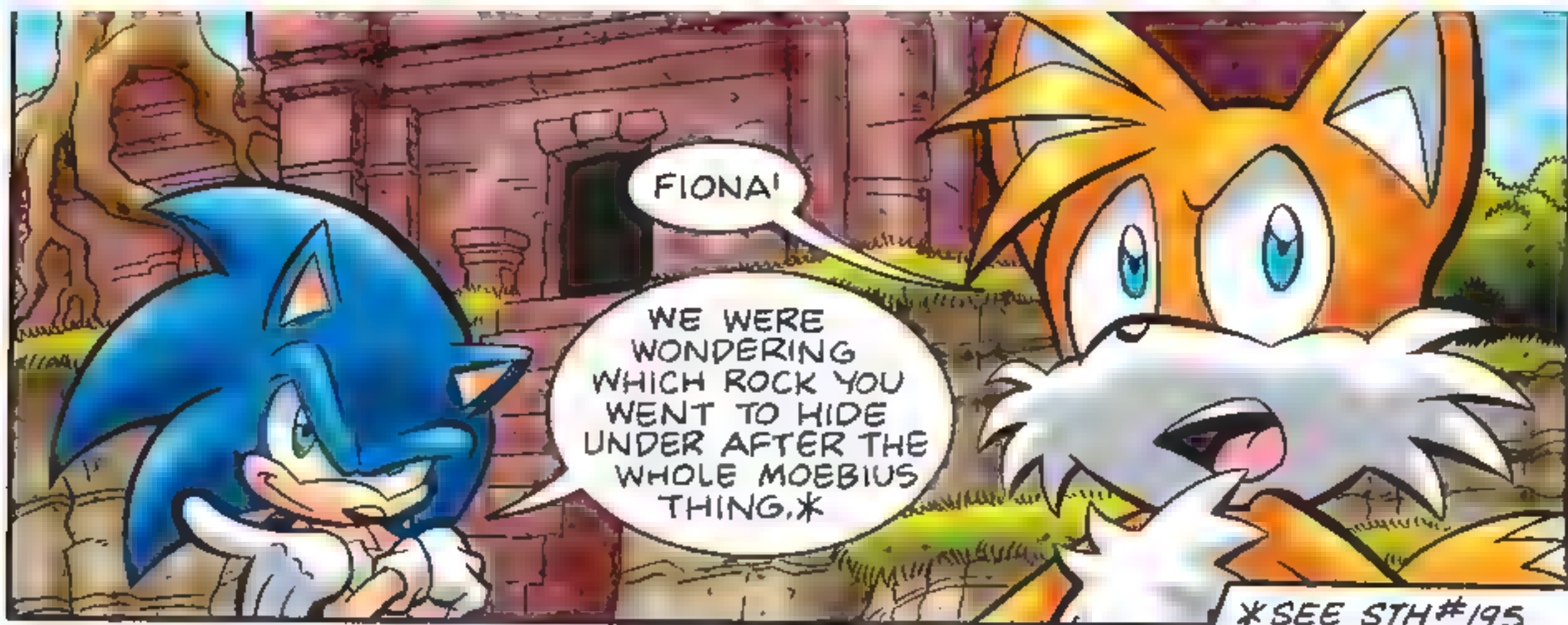
DUDE, WILL YOU CHILL OUT? THAT GUY IS A COLOSSAL JERK. WHY ARE YOU GETTING SO BENT OUT OF SHAPE?

I'VE WORKED REALLY HARD TO PROVE I'M JUST AS MUCH A FREEDOM FIGHTER AS EVERYONE ELSE. HE KNOWS WHO YOU ARE, BUT I'M...

MY BEST BUD AND THE ONE GUY I'D PICK TO HAVE MY BACK ANYTIME, YOU'VE DONE MORE IN YOUR SHORT LIFE THAN HE'S EVER GOING TO DO, SO DON'T GET WORKED UP OVER ONE LOW-LIFE.

I DON'T KNOW, BLUE...

HE'S STILL PRETTY HUNG UP OVER THIS LOW-LIFE.



FIONA!

WE WERE WONDERING WHICH ROCK YOU WENT TO HIDE UNDER AFTER THE WHOLE MOEBIUS THING.*

*SEE STH#195



I GOT OUT WHILE THE GETTING WAS GOOD. I KEPT MYSELF BUSY, THOUGH.

YEAH? DOING WHAT?

AND W-WHY ARE YOU IN THE DRAGON KINGDOM?

I'LL TELL IF YOU CAN MANAGE TO CATCH ME.

HAHAHA!

C'MON, BOYS!
I KNOW YOU CAN
DO BETTER THAN
THAT!

THIS STUFF
IS SO THICKLY GROWN
TOGETHER, I CAN'T
BUILD UP ANY
SPEED!

I
SHOULD'VE
JUST FLOWN
US OVER!

I'M DOING
JUST FINE, YOU
BOYS JUST NEED
TO BE A LITTLE
MORE--

--FLEXIBLE.

WHOA!

TWACK

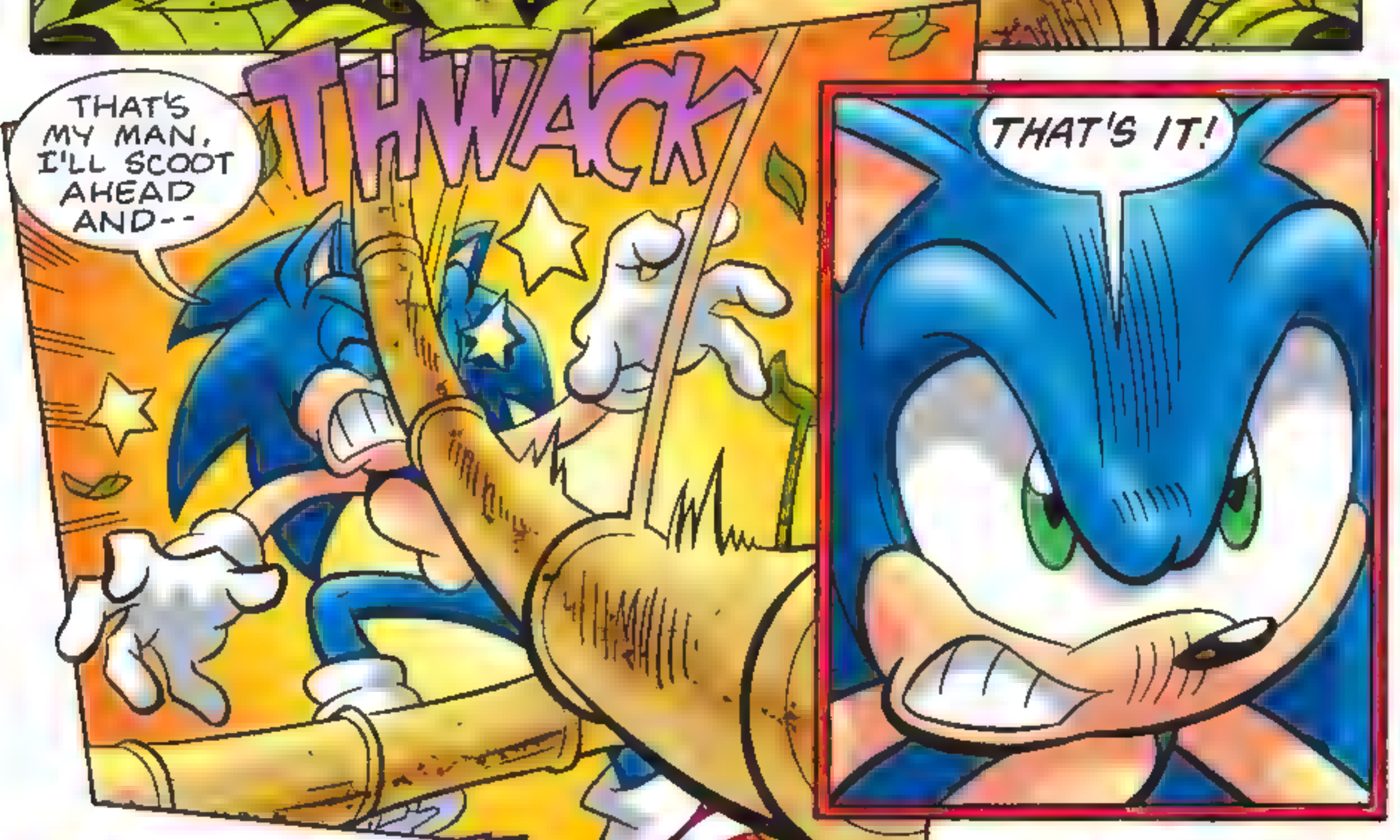
OW!





YOU ALRIGHT?

Nrrrgh... SHE'S HURT ME WORSE BEFORE.



THAT'S MY MAN, I'LL SCOOT AHEAD AND--

THWACK



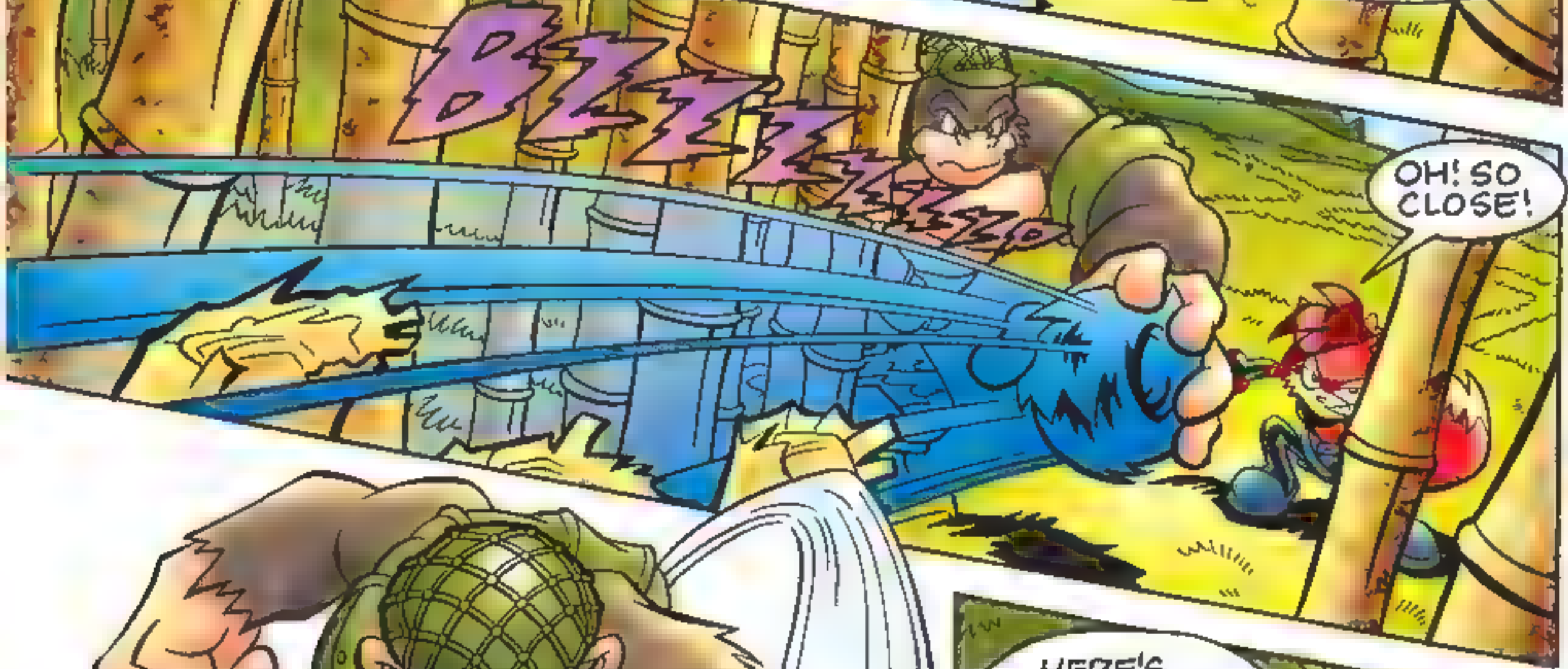
THAT'S IT!



THAT GOT HIM!



GOOD CHASE, BLUE. YOU'VE ALMOST GOT ME.



OH! SO CLOSE!



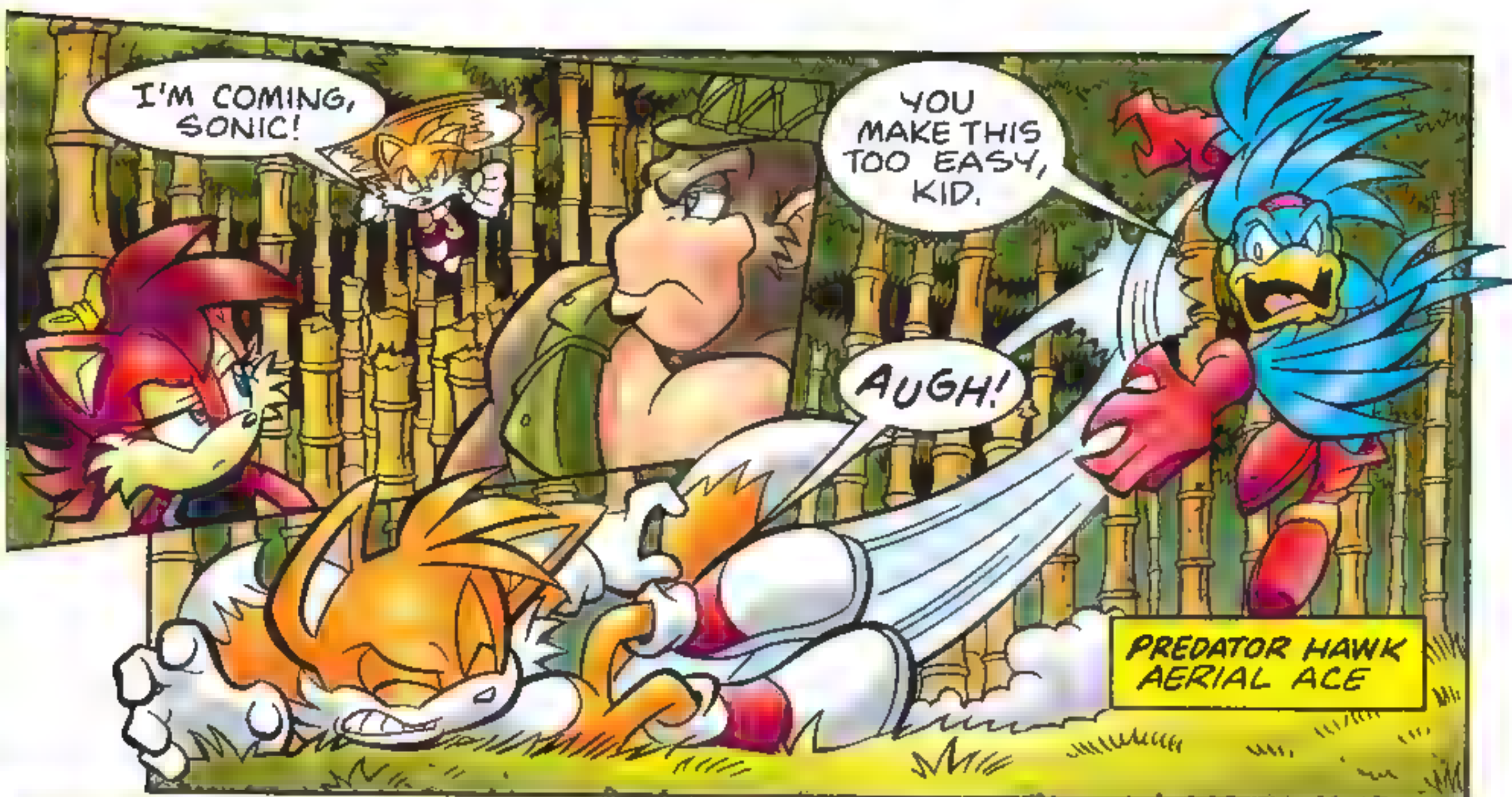
HERE'S SOME INFO AS A CONSOLATION PRIZE: I'M RUNNING WITH THE DESTRUCTIX AGAIN.

SGT. SIMIAN SUPER STRONG SIMIAN

FIONA FOX F.F. TRAITOR



YOU DON'T SAY...



I'M COMING, SONIC!

YOU MAKE THIS TOO EASY, KID.

AUGH!

PREDATOR HAWK
AERIAL ACE



I AM GETTING SO TIRED OF DEALING WITH YOU GUYS.

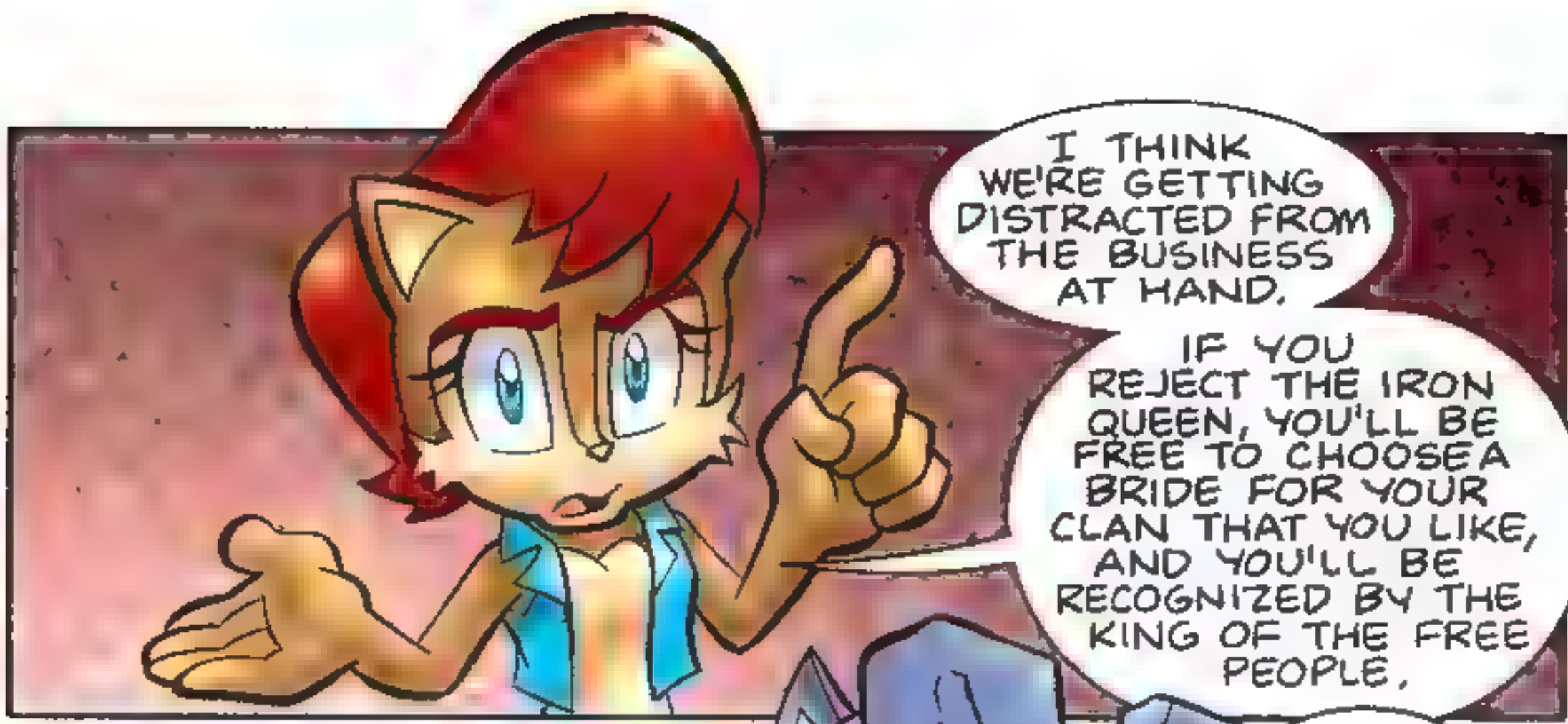
MRGPH!

A BIT OF GRIT SO THE DIRT WILL HURT! WHEE HEE HEE HEE!

FLYING FROG
NOT QUITE RIGHT

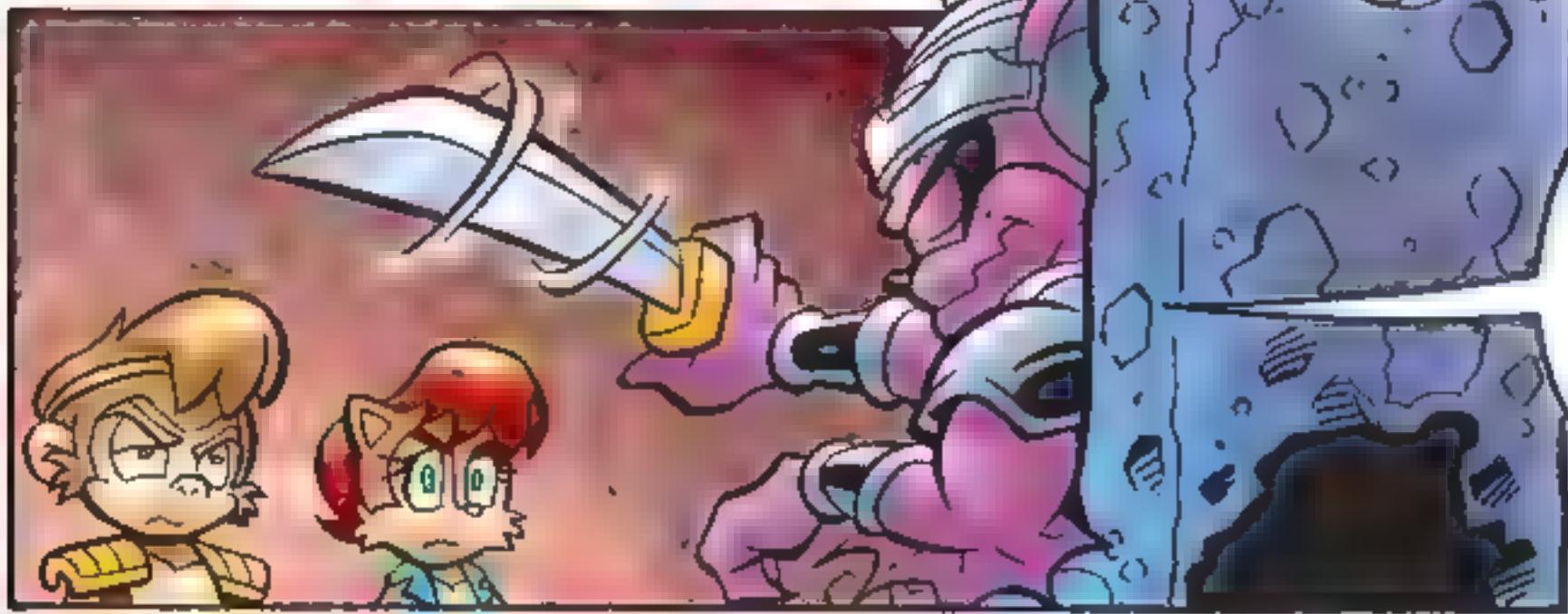
NOW THAT WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION...

THE DESTRUCTIX
MERCENARY TEAM



I THINK WE'RE GETTING DISTRACTED FROM THE BUSINESS AT HAND.

IF YOU REJECT THE IRON QUEEN, YOU'LL BE FREE TO CHOOSE A BRIDE FOR YOUR CLAN THAT YOU LIKE, AND YOU'LL BE RECOGNIZED BY THE KING OF THE FREE PEOPLE.



≡SIGHE
WEREN'T YOU LISTENING? WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN HAVING SOMEONE TELL US WHAT TO DO. WITH THE IRON QUEEN WE'RE AT LEAST ABLE TO STAND UP TO THE OTHER CLANS.

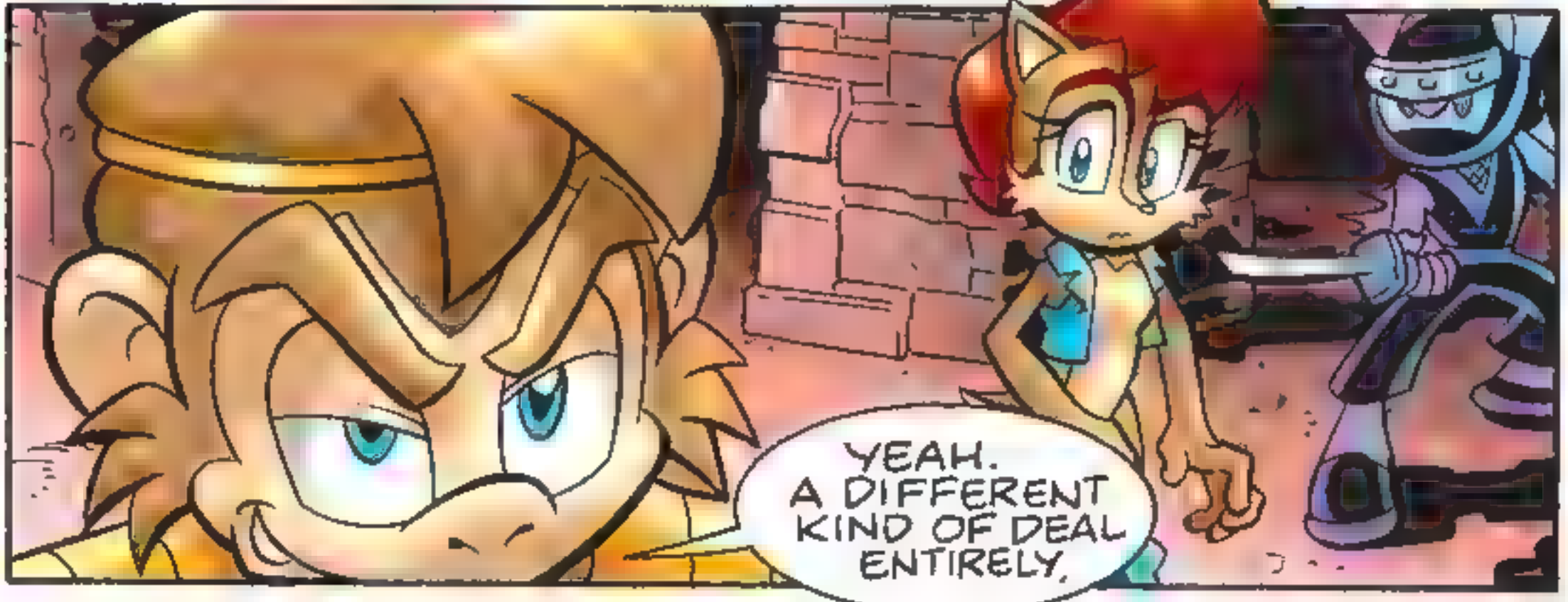


BUT YOUR PEOPLE ARE BEING USED FOR EVIL!

"EVIL" IS SUBJECTIVE!

SHE... SHE'S THE ONLY ONE PROFITING FROM THIS ARRANGEMENT!

SO WAS THE BRIDE OF RICH NIGHTS, ANYTHING ELSE?



YEAH. A DIFFERENT KIND OF DEAL ENTIRELY.



HE SPEAKS!
WHAT'S ON
YOUR TINY
MIND?

REJECT THE
IRON DOMINION,
REJECT THE BRIDES
ALTOGETHER, AND GO
BACK TO THE OLD
DAYS YOU ENVY
SO MUCH.



OH FOR...
I'M WASTING
MY TIME, YOU
AND THE OTHER
CLANS WOULD
TEAR US
APART.

WHY WOULD
THEY? YOU'D
NO LONGER BE
A CLAN AND NO
LONGER A THREAT
TO THEM, YOU'D BE
FREE TO MOVE
ABOUT THE DRAGON
KINGDOM AND
STAKE OUT YOUR
CLAIM.

YEAH,
BUT THEN WE'D
BE "FREE PEOPLE",
AND THERE'S NO
WAY WE'D ACCEPT
YOU AS OUR
KING.

WHO SAID
YOU'D HAVE TO?
I'M JUST A PROTECTOR
OF THE PEOPLE, I'M NO
MORE THEIR "KING" THAN
YOU'RE REALLY MARRIED
TO THE "BRIDE".

I'LL BE
BUSY KEEPING
THE PEACE
BETWEEN THE
CLANS, HOW
AM I SUPPOSED
TO KEEP UP WITH
A GROUP OF
UNORGANIZED
THIEVES?

BACK
TO THE OLD
REGIONAL
LORDS...NO
MORE CODES
OF CONDUCT
OR CEREMONY..

I HAVE
YOUR WORD OF
HONOR?

YOU
DO.

THEN ON
MY WORD OF
HONOR I SWEAR
TO SPREAD THE NEWS,
THE YAGYU CLAN IS
DONE WITH THIS
NONSENSE.

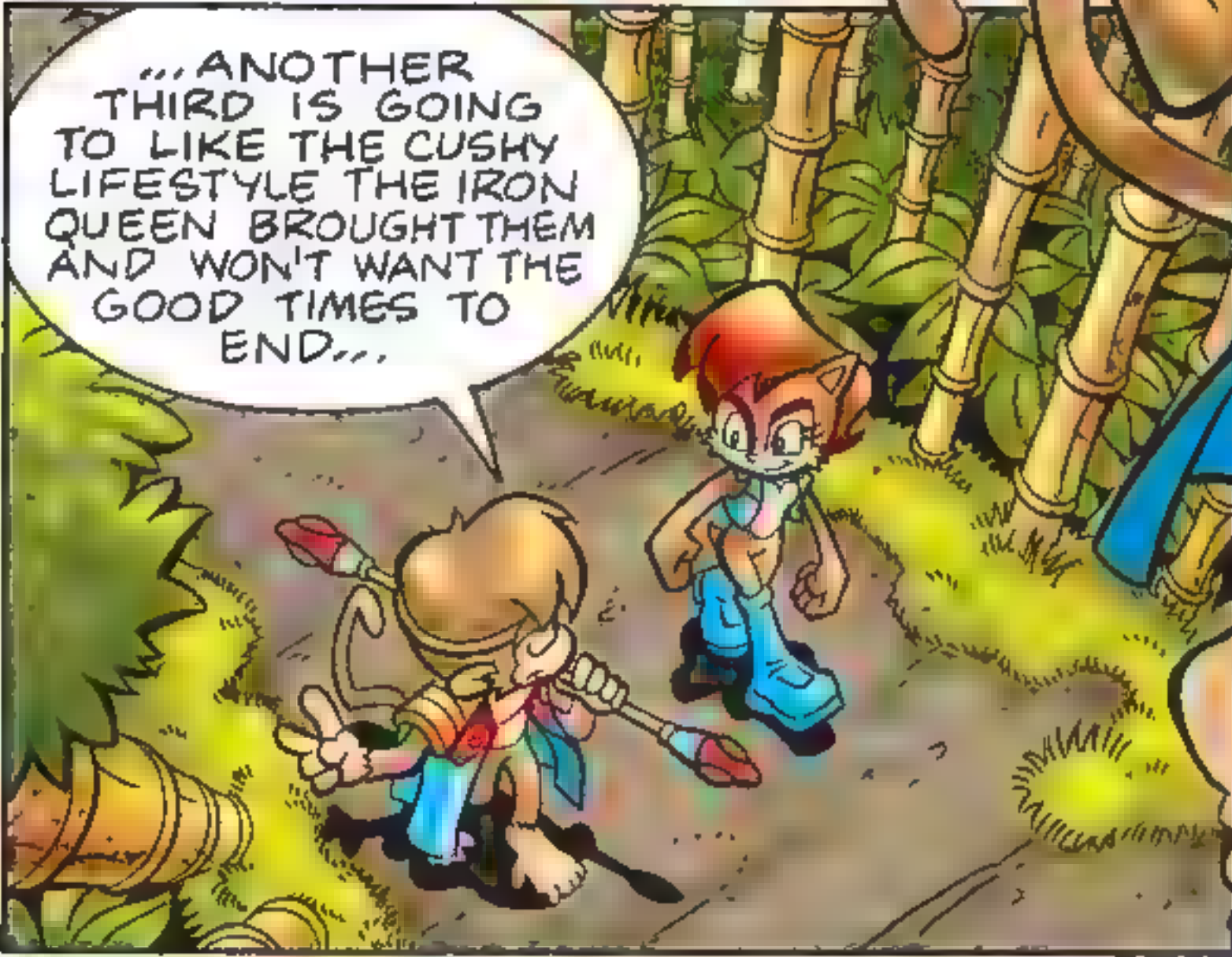
A PLEASURE DOING
BUSINESS WITH YOU.





WHILE I'M GLAD YOU GOT THEM TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE IRON DOMINION, DON'T YOU WORRY THIS IS GOING TO SPREAD LAWLESSNESS TO EVERYONE ELSE?

I THOUGHT OF THAT, BUT KNOWING THESE PEOPLE LIKE I DO, I FIGURE IT WILL BREAK DOWN LIKE THIS-- A THIRD OF THESE GUYS WILL WANT TO GO BACK TO THEIR ANCIENT WAYS...



...ANOTHER THIRD IS GOING TO LIKE THE CUSHY LIFESTYLE THE IRON QUEEN BROUGHT THEM AND WON'T WANT THE GOOD TIMES TO END...



...AND THE REST WILL TRY TO PROFIT FROM THIS ANY WAY THEY CAN! THEY'LL BE SO BUSY FIGHTING EACH OTHER OVER THE SCRAPS, THEY WON'T HAVE THE MANPOWER OR RESOURCES TO BOTHER ANYONE ELSE!

WOW. WELL PLAYED!

THANK YOU. I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO THINK AROUND A PROBLEM LIKE THAT BEFORE I MET YOU.

OH, STOP. I COME UP WITH TACTICAL PLANS, THAT WAS POSITIVELY DEVIOUS.

HAHAHA! SOZ YOUR CUNNING PLUS MY TEMPER MAKES FOR DEVIOUS THINKING.

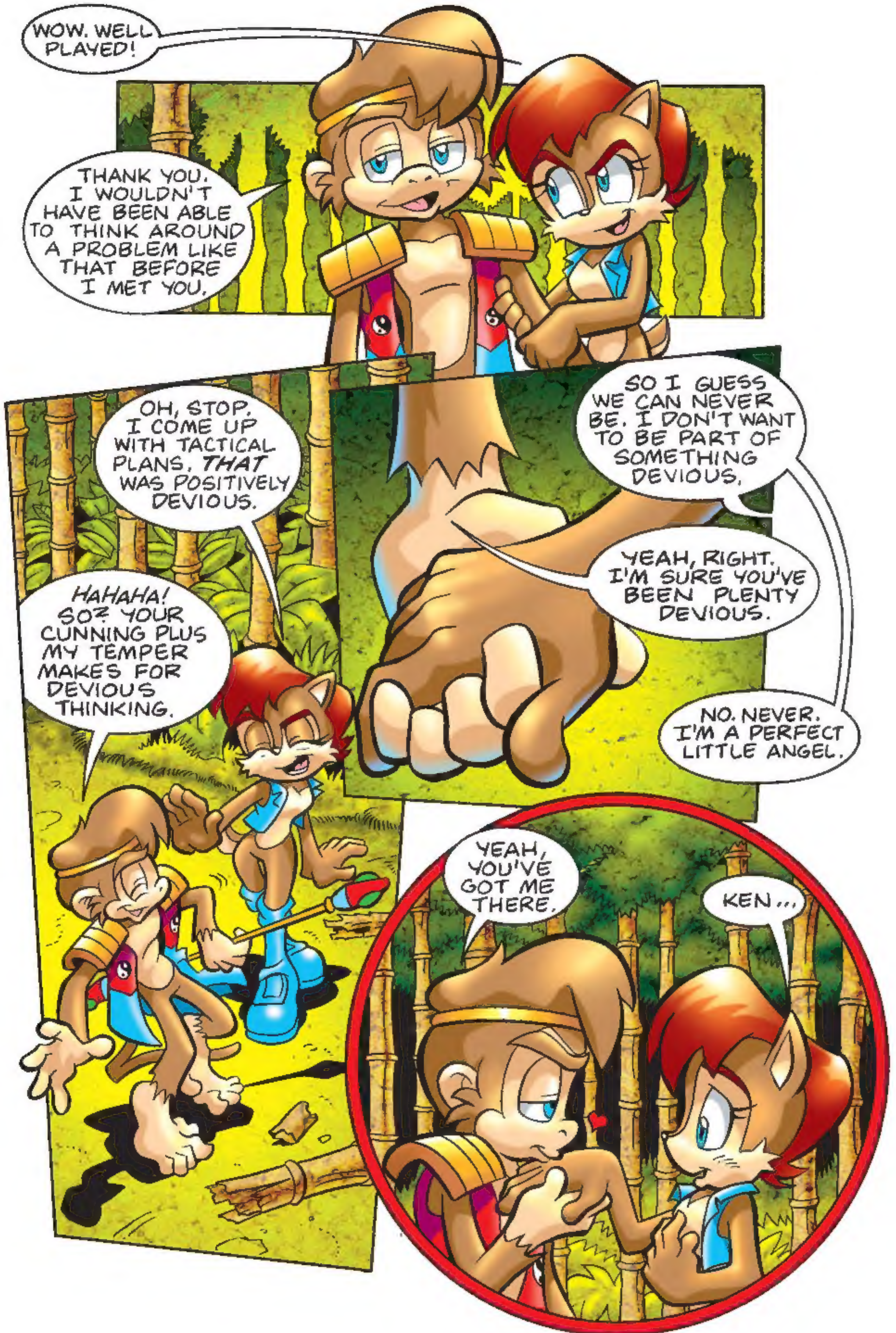
SO I GUESS WE CAN NEVER BE. I DON'T WANT TO BE PART OF SOMETHING DEVIOUS.

YEAH, RIGHT. I'M SURE YOU'VE BEEN PLENTY DEVIOUS.

NO. NEVER. I'M A PERFECT LITTLE ANGEL.

YEAH, YOU'VE GOT ME THERE.

KEN...





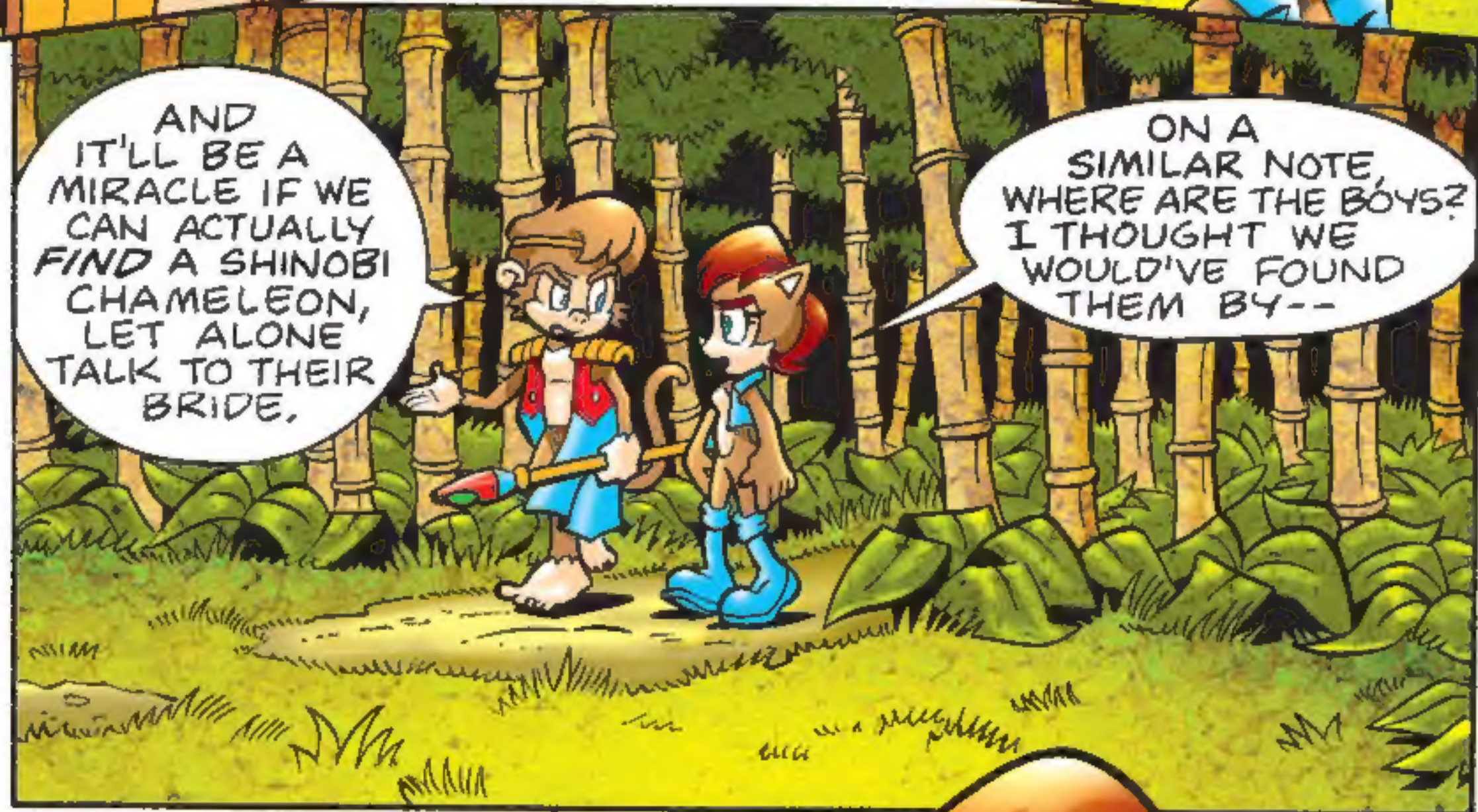
≡Ahem≡
LET'S REMEMBER
WE'RE ON A
TIME-SENSITIVE
MISSION.

RIGHT.
WE STILL NEED
TO LIBERATE
YOUR CITY AND
SPEAK WITH TWO
MORE CLANS.



DO YOU
THINK THEY'LL BE
PROBLEMATIC?

VERY.
THE RAIJU
CLAN IS
MORE VIOLENT
AND DANGEROUS
THAN THE
YAGYU EVER
WERE.




AND
IT'LL BE A
MIRACLE IF WE
CAN ACTUALLY
FIND A SHINOBI
CHAMELEON,
LET ALONE
TALK TO THEIR
BRIDE.

ON A
SIMILAR NOTE,
WHERE ARE THE BOYS?
I THOUGHT WE
WOULD'VE FOUND
THEM BY--



OH MY
GOSH! KEN,
GET READY!

Um--
RIGHT!
WHY? WHO
ARE THEY?



NOW THAT WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, THERE'S SOMETHING WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS.

What is there to discuss with a bunch of villains?! Next time it's Team Sonic vs. The Destructix! It's all-out war on the Raiju Clan!

Don't miss the explosive excitement in Part Three of "Journey to the East"!



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